

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 10, without prejudice, and amend claims 1, 4-5 and 7 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A kennel comprising:
a plurality of side panels configured for coupling to one another; and
a gate panel comprising:
a pair of ends, each of said ends configured for connecting to said side panels

to form an enclosure;

a doorway positioned between said ends and defined by at least one doorway frame member having at least one boss formed therewith; ~~and~~

a door configured for opening and closing said doorway and having at least one door frame member directly and rotatably attached to said boss of said doorway frame member; and

wherein said doorway includes an upper frame member and a lower frame member, both configured for being slidably engaged on said door.

2. (Original) The kennel of claim 1, wherein said door includes a secure fitting directly connecting said door frame member to said doorway frame member.

3. (Original) The kennel of claim 2, wherein said secure fitting encircles at least a portion of said doorway frame member to facilitate rotation of said door about a central cylindrical axis defined by said doorway frame member.

4. (Currently Amended) The kennel of claim 2, A kennel comprising:
a plurality of side panels configured for coupling to one another; and
a gate panel comprising:
a pair of ends, each of said ends configured for connecting to said side panels
to form an enclosure;
a doorway positioned between said ends and defined by at least one doorway
frame member having at least one boss formed therewith;
a door configured for opening and closing said doorway and having at least one
door frame member directly and rotatably attached to said boss of said doorway frame
member;
wherein said door includes a secure fitting directly connecting said door frame
member to said doorway frame member; and
wherein said at least one door frame member includes a horizontal member having an end provided with said secure fitting.

5. (Currently Amended) The kennel of claim 2, A kennel comprising:
a plurality of side panels configured for coupling to one another; and

a gate panel comprising:

a pair of ends, each of said ends configured for connecting to said side panels to form an enclosure;

a doorway positioned between said ends and defined by at least one doorway frame member having at least one boss formed therewith;

a door configured for opening and closing said doorway and having at least one door frame member directly and rotatably attached to said boss of said doorway frame member;

wherein said door includes a secure fitting directly connecting said door frame member to said doorway frame member; and

wherein said secure fitting comprises a sleeve-like member having an inner portion configured for receiving a vertical frame member.

6. (Original) The kennel of claim 1, wherein said at least one door frame member comprises a pair of horizontal members each having a secure fitting configured for receiving said door and rotating between a closed position and an open position.

7. (Currently Amended) The kennel of claim 1, A kennel comprising:
a plurality of side panels configured for coupling to one another; and
a gate panel comprising:

a pair of ends, each of said ends configured for connecting to said side panels to form an enclosure;

a doorway positioned between said ends and defined by at least one doorway frame member having at least one boss formed therewith;

a door configured for opening and closing said doorway and having at least one door frame member directly and rotatably attached to said boss of said doorway frame member;

wherein said doorway comprises:

a pair of elongated vertical frame members;

a pair of horizontal frame members connected to said vertical frame members to define a central region; and

a barrier positioned in said central region and connected to said horizontal and vertical frame members.

8. (Original) The kennel of claim 7, wherein said barrier is wire cloth.

9. (Original) The kennel of claim 1, wherein said doorway and said door are integrally formed.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) A kennel comprising:

a plurality of side panels configured for coupling to one another; and

a gate panel comprising:

a pair of ends, each of said ends configured for connecting to said side panels to form an enclosure;

a doorway positioned between said ends and defined by at least one doorway frame member; and

a door configured for opening and closing said doorway and having at least one door frame member directly and rotatably attached to said doorway frame member,

wherein said doorway includes an upper frame member and a lower frame member both configured for being slidably engaged on said door, and

wherein said lower and upper frame members each have first and second bosses having inner diameters and configured for engaging a pair of said doorway frame members such that said inner diameters of said first and second bosses of said upper frame member are greater than said inner diameters of said first and second bosses of said lower frame member.

12. (Previously Presented) A gate panel for a kennel, comprising:

one or more barrier panels;

a doorway having at least one doorway frame member provided with one or more bosses formed therewith; and

a door configured for opening and closing said doorway and having at least one door frame member directly and rotatably secured to said one or more bosses of said at least one doorway frame member.

13. (Original) The panel of claim 12, wherein said one or more barrier panels each have an end connected to said doorway and another end configured for connecting to a side panel of the kennel.

14. (Original) The panel of claim 12, wherein each of said one or more barrier panels comprises:

a pair of vertical frame members;
a pair of horizontal frame members connected to the vertical frame members;
and
a wire cloth connected to the vertical and horizontal frame members.

15. (Original) The panel of claim 12, wherein said door includes at least one secure fitting connecting said door to said doorway frame member.

16. (Original) The panel of claim 12, wherein said door comprises a pair of horizontal door frame members connected to a pair of vertical door frame members, said

pair of horizontal door frame members each having a secure fitting at an end for encircling at least a portion of one of said vertical door frame members.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously Presented) The door of claim 19, wherein said first elongated door frame member is configured to rotate about said central cylindrical axis between a closed position and an open position.

19. (Previously Presented) A door for a gate panel of a kennel, comprising:

a barrier;

a first elongated door frame member having a central cylindrical axis and connected to said barrier; and

at least two door cross-frame members each connected to first and second barrier securing frame members, and

wherein said first elongated door frame member rotates about said central cylindrical axis,

wherein said barrier comprises:

a wire cloth having at least two ends;

a fastener attached to one of the ends of said wire cloth; and

a plurality of clamps connecting said fastener to said first barrier securing frame member.

20. (Previously Presented) The door of claim 19, wherein said door cross-frame members each include a pair of bosses configured for engaging said first elongated doorway frame member.

21. (Cancelled)